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I. INTRODUCTION

The *Indiana Journal of Global Legal Studies* is pleased to announce the publication of its sixth annual Immigration Project. Every fall, the *Journal* publishes a series of student papers documenting important developments and trends in immigration or transiency-related legal issues. The papers in the Immigration Project are intended to create a point of reference for further research and scholarship. Notes provide in-depth substantive analysis of topics that reflect recent developments in immigration law. Trend papers document new or recurring issues surrounding different aspects of immigration.

II. IN THIS ISSUE

Two student notes focus on United States immigration policies and procedures. *The Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996: Another Congressional Hurdle for the Courts*¹ examines the effects of the 1996 reforms to the Immigration and Nationality Act on permanent resident aliens. Although the Court has previously recognized the constitutional rights of lawful permanent residents, IIRIRA presents yet another obstacle as it attempts to substantially limit the level of due process available to this class of individuals. *Country Conditions Documentation in U.S. Asylum Cases: Leveling the Evidentiary Playing Field*² discusses the importance of "country conditions" evidence in determining an asylum seeker's subjective fear of persecution. The continued reliance of immigration courts on this information requires that administrative and judicial practices be changed to promote fairness and consistent application of country conditions information.

Two additional student works, a Note and a Trend Paper, complete the project. *The Evolution of Sovereignty and Citizenship in Western Europe*:

1. Sonia Chen, *The Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996: Another Congressional Hurdle for the Courts*, 8 IND. J. GLOBAL LEGAL STUD. 169 (2000).

2. Susan K. Kerns, *Country Conditions Documentation in U.S. Asylum Cases: Leveling the Evidentiary Playing Field*, 8 IND. J. GLOBAL LEGAL STUD. 197 (2000).

*Implications for Migration and Globalization*³ provides an analysis of globalization and the changes to Western European migration strategies using Professor George Modelski's evolutionary model. Using the nomenclature of evolution, relationships between and among forces of globalization, not otherwise cognizable under a nation-State analysis, are recognized. *Islam Returns to Western Europe*⁴ highlights probable areas of conflict and cooperation between Western liberal values and Islam. As the number of Muslims increase in Europe, it becomes increasingly important to facilitate the peaceful integration of the two communities.

3. John D. Snethen, *The Evolution of Sovereignty and Citizenship in Western Europe: Implications for Migration and Globalization*, 8 IND. J. GLOBAL LEGAL STUD. 223 (2000).

4. John D. Snethen, *Islam Returns to Western Europe*, 8 IND. J. GLOBAL LEGAL STUD. 251 (2000).